

Chapter 11: Buildings

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Safety vs. Resiliency

Safe \neq Usable



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Building Performance Levels

A – Safe & Operational



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B – Safe & Usable During Repair



C – Safe & Not Usable



D – Unsafe



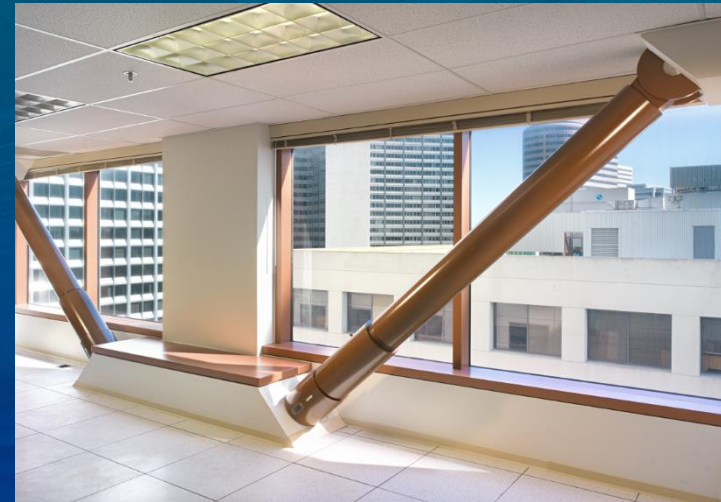
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New Buildings

- Current standards do not explicitly deal with function protection for every hazard
- Code architectural, structural, mechanical requirements are sometimes not in alignment
- New building standards are easier to change than existing building requirements

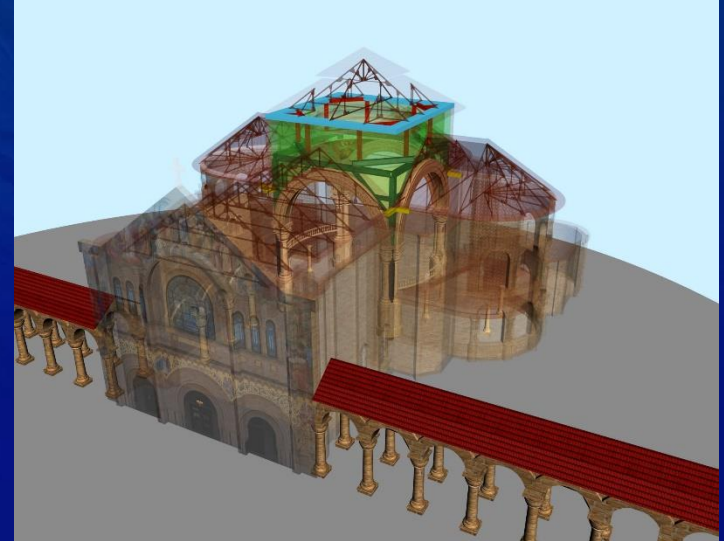


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Existing Buildings

- Codes, standards, and building practice constantly evolving
- Structural Standards are typically not retroactive
- Existing evaluation tools very judgment based
- Retrofit often costly and disruptive



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